

SENATE RESOLUTION 21

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Andrea Lee Fanta for her promotion of cultural understanding through Rotary International.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as estimable citizens that are dedicated to improving the quality of life of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, as a public citizen of the highest order, Andrea Lee Fanta has proven herself to be one such laudable individual, worthy of recognition for her efforts toward improving relations and cultural understanding between communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fanta recently presented the Dickson High Noon Rotary with a Rotary club banner from Salamanca, Spain, where she spent a year in graduate study as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is that which provides its Ambassadorial Scholarships; since 1947, more than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries by funding the travel and study of scholars who serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Dickson County High School, and the first in the 46-year history of Rotary International in Dickson to be chosen for this prestigious award, Ms. Fanta has completed several speaking engagements, both in Spain and in the United States, focusing on social and political life in these two nations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to attending Rotary-sponsored activities, Ms. Fanta volunteered with Catholic Charities while in Salamanca and organized a pen-pal program between students in Salamanca and Dickson, thereby promoting the value of cultural awareness to other young people; and

WHEREAS, in accord with Rotary's rich history of participation, service, and leadership in cultural exchange, Ms. Fanta has undoubtedly had an immeasurable affect on those whom she has encountered in her travels; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of this great State should honor and recognize all those members of the Rotary Club who have improved the quality of life for Americans and all people around the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with Rotary Club of Dickson County in recognizing Andrea Lee Fanta's contribution to the mission of the Rotary International, and we celebrate and recognize her commitment to sharing cultural understanding through international service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.